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FOREIGN REPORTS.

CHINA.

Hongkong—Examination of Rats.

Surg. Brown reported that during the week ended December 9, 1912, there were examined at Hongkong for plague infection 1,952 rats. No plague-infected rat was found.

North Manchurian Plague Prevention Service.

The North Manchurian Plague Prevention Service has been established with headquarters at Harbin. A hospital specially constructed according to the recommendations of the International Plague Conference, 1911, has been established at Lahasu. Ordinary cases of illness have been treated at the above-named hospital since October 16, 1912. The isolation hospital at Fuchiatien (Harbin), also constructed according to the recommendations of the International Plague Conference, has been completed.

CUBA.

Habana—Transmissible Diseases.

JAN. 1 TO 10, 1913.

Diseases.	New cases.	Deaths.	Remain- ing under treat- ment.
Leprosy.....	1	.....	247
Malaria.....	.....	.....	12
Typhoid fever.....	18	1	44
Diphtheria.....	32	2	16
Scarlet fever.....	27	.....	26
Measles.....	16	.....	18
Varicella.....	2	.....	2
Tetanus in new born.....	1	1	.....
Paratyphoid.....	1	.....	4

¹ One imported from Santiago and one from Yaguajay.

GREAT BRITAIN.**Liverpool—Rat Destruction.**

Consul Washington reported December 24, 1912:

During the months of October, November, and December, 1912, rats were destroyed in Liverpool city and port as follows: City stores, warehouses, sewers, etc., 864; dock quays and freight sheds, 263; inward bound vessels, 816.

The number of rats destroyed on inward bound ships necessarily fluctuates. The following figures show the number destroyed during the past three years by a rat-catching company which acts for several shipping firms: 1910, 6,840 rats; 1911, 6,556 rats; 1912, 10,750 rats.

Instructions issued by the health department from time to time regarding the constant observation of the habits of rats, their presence in unusual numbers, the discovery of a dead rat, etc., are rigorously observed.

JAPAN.**Nagasaki—Summary of Cholera.**

The total number of cases of cholera reported in the prefecture of Nagasaki, including islands off the west coast of Kyushu, from September 15, the date of the outbreak, to November 30, 1912, was 188 with 134 deaths. Of this number, 10 cases with 4 deaths occurred in Nagasaki.

JAVA.**Batavia and Tandjok Declared Free from Cholera.**

Consul Rairden at Batavia reports that the ports of Batavia and Tandjok were declared free from cholera November 23, 1912.

Cholera was reported present at the ports named September 12, 1912.

MEXICO.**Vera Cruz—Yellow Fever from 1892 to 1912.**

A statement of cases of and deaths from yellow fever reported at Vera Cruz during the period from 1892 to 1912, inclusive, has been issued by the special sanitary commission for the suppression of yellow fever and other contagious diseases. The greatest number of cases was notified for the year 1899 (1,268 with 594 deaths) and the lowest in 1909 (3 cases with 3 deaths). During the last three years covered by the statement no case of yellow fever was reported. A table of cases and deaths by months follows.

Yellow Fever Cases and Deaths Officially Reported in the City of Vera Cruz, by Months, for the Years 1892 to 1912, Inclusive.

Year.	Jan.		Feb.		Mar.		Apr.		May.		June.		July.		Aug.		Sept.		Oct.		Nov.		Dec.		Total.		
	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	
1892.....				2		1		7		20		40		76		53		28		13		10		9		259	
1893.....	19	5	7	1	9	6	17	8	41	17	17	32	105	29	70	8	65	9	11	11	5	5	9	1	449	131	
1894.....			1		1		16	8	100	39	123	55	116	44	82	38	40	14	32	5	13	3	10	3	534	209	
1895.....		8	5	7	1	2		5	2	24	12	60	23	106	40	53	36	25	17	7	3	4	3	.....	301	142
1896.....										2		6		3		1									12		
1897.....												3		2											5	3	
1898.....															20		9	37	24	59	39	43	32	27	23	188	127
1899.....	12	10	8	5	10	7	29	11	302	155	468	193	214	96	109	57	55	32	32	15	7	4	22	91	268	594	
1900.....	12	3	4	4	1	1	12	14	61	22	79	36	61	23	93	44	102	50	63	34	33	17	22	10	543	261	
1901.....	8	1	5	1			3	2	1		8	4	13	6	13	7	16	5	65	19	94	31	43	27	269	103	
1902.....	14	7	7	7	18	10	35	19	109	46	98	45	60	36	103	38	74	29	50	13	56	22	55	13	678	285	
1903.....	23	12	14	9	17	5	27	8	45	17	111	36	153	50	241	91	189	58	184	57	51	26	20	61	075	375	
1904.....	4	1	3	2	2		1		5	1	11	3	9	1	25	1	8			4	2	1	1	73	12		
1905.....													5	1	21	5	10	4	12	8	5	4	1	1	54	23	
1906.....	4	3	1				1	1					1	1	1		3	2			5	4	1	1	17	12	
1907.....																	1								2	1	
1908.....														3	1	6	6	5	1	3	11	3	5	2	13	5	43
1909.....	1	1	1	1																					3	3	
1910.....																										20	3
1911.....																											
1912.....																											

Comparative Table of Deaths from Yellow Fever During the 10 Years Preceding and Following the Establishment of the Yellow Fever Campaign.

Year.	Deaths.	Year.	Deaths.
1894.....	209	1903.....	147
1895.....	142	1904.....	12
1896.....	.....	1905.....	23
1897.....	3	1906.....	12
1898.....	127	1907.....	1
1899.....	594	1908.....	20
1900.....	261	1909.....	3
1901.....	103	1910.....	.....
1902.....	285	1911.....	.....
1903.....	228	1912.....	.....
Preceding.....	1,952	Following.....	218

MOVEMENTS OF INFECTED VESSELS.

Cholera.

BOSNIAN.—At Odessa, Russia, November 18, 1912, from London via Constantinople, 2 cases, with 1 death.

Plague.

BELLAILS.—At Hamburg, Germany, September 2 to 5, 1912, from Rosario July 2, via Cape Verde Islands, 2 cases in crew. River Tyne, September 28, 1912, from Hamburg, 1 case in crew.

Yellow Fever.

PUEBLA.—At Laguna del Carmen, Mexico, September 14, 1912, from Vera Cruz and other Mexican ports, 1 case on board.

CHOLERA, YELLOW FEVER, PLAGUE, AND SMALLPOX.**Reports Received During Week Ended Jan. 31, 1913.****CHOLERA.**

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
China:				
Foochow.....	Nov. 20-Dec. 2....	.....	.....	Isolated cases.
India:				
Bombay.....	Dec. 15-28.....	55	43	
Calcutta.....	Dec. 8-14.....	.....	43	
Madras.....	Dec. 15-28.....	.....	4	
Japan:				
Hiardo Islands.....	Sept. 15-Dec. 1....	30	.....
Minami Tokaki gun.....	.....do.....	40	.....
Nagasaki city.....	.....do.....	10	4	Nagasaki ken and outlying islands Sept. 15-Dec. 2: Cases 188, deaths 134, including previous reports.
Sasebo.....	Sept. 15-Dec. 2....	7	1	
Tokushima ken.....	Sept. 15-Dec. 1....	65	.....	Not previously reported.
Straits Settlements:				
Singapore.....	Dec. 1-7.....	3	2	
Turkey in Europe:				
Constantinople.....	Dec. 31-Jan. 6....	117	62	Total Nov. 5-Jan. 6: Cases 2,459, deaths 1,208.
Zanzibar.....	Dec. 8-15.....	2	2	Dec. 2-28 in Chwaka district, 54 cases not previously reported.

PLAGUE.

Brazil:				
Rio de Janeiro.....	Dec. 8-Jan. 2.....	2	1	
India:				
Bombay.....	Dec. 15-28.....	9	8	
Calcutta.....	Dec. 1-7.....	.....	4	
Do.....	Dec. 8-14.....	.....	8	
Mauritius.....	Oct. 25-Nov. 7....	52	35	
Russia:				
Transbaikal district— Verneudinsk.....	Oct. 18-28.....	3	3	Near Nerehinsk.

SMALLPOX.

Abyssinia:				
Adis Ababa.....	Dec. 15-21.....	.....	.....	Present.
Brazil:				
Rio de Janeiro.....	Dec. 8-Jan. 2.....	6	3	
Canada:				
Montreal.....	Jan. 12-18.....	15	.....
Ottawa.....	Jan. 5-18.....	12	.....
Quebec.....	Jan. 12-18.....	15	.....
St. Johns.....	.....do.....	4	.....
China:				
Shanghai.....	Dec. 14-22.....	.....	10	
Egypt:				
Alexandria.....	Dec. 24-31.....	1	.....
Cairo.....	Dec. 9-16.....	5	.....
France:				
Paris.....	Dec. 22-Jan. 4....	4	.....
Germany.....	.....	.....	.....	Total, Dec 15-Jan. 11: Cases, 7.
India:				
Bombay.....	Dec. 22-28.....	2	1	
Madras.....	.....do.....	.....	1	
Calcutta.....	Dec. 7-14.....	.....	10	
Portugal:				
Lisbon.....	Dec. 22-28.....	6	.....
Russia:				
Libau.....	Dec. 16-Jan. 4....	2	.....
Moscow.....	Dec. 8-14.....	1	1	
Servia:				
Belgrade.....	Dec. 22-28.....	2	.....
Siberia:				
Vladivostok.....	.....do.....	1	1	
Spain:				
Almeria.....	Dec. 1-31.....	.....	40	
Madrid.....	.....do.....	.....	25	
Seville.....	.....do.....	.....	27	
Valencia.....	Dec. 22-Jan. 4....	13	.....
Sweden:				
Stockholm.....	Oct. 8-21.....	3	.....
Switzerland:				
Cantons—				
Aargau.....	Dec. 15-21.....	1	.....
Grisons.....	Dec. 1-28.....	9	.....

CHOLERA, YELLOW FEVER, PLAGUE, AND SMALLPOX—Continued.**Reports Received from Dec. 27, 1912, to Jan. 24, 1913.****CHOLERA.**

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
Bulgaria:				
Eski Saghra.....	Dec. 9.....	2		
Sofia.....	Nov. 21-Dec. 16...	6	1	
Dutch East Indies:				
Borneo—				
Pontrank.....	Oct. 6.....	1		
Samarinda.....	Oct. 9.....	1		
Java—				
Batavia.....	Nov. 9-23.....	32	21	One case among Europeans.
Madioen.....	Sept. 15-Oct. 5.....	35	30	
Megalang.....	Oct. 7-12.....	9	6	
Paserocean Residency..	Sept. 20-26.....	2	1	
Samarang.....	July 19-Oct. 17.....	436	352	
Sumatra—Jambi.....	Sept. 18-24.....	1		
India:				
Bombay.....	Nov. 17-Dec. 14.....	62	38	
Caleuttia.....	Nov. 9-Oct. 7.....		129	
Cochin.....	Oct. 19-Nov. 9.....	6	6	
Madras.....	Nov. 24-Dec. 14.....	20	18	
Negapatam.....	Nov. 11-16.....	9	9	
Rangoon.....	Nov. 1-30.....	2	2	
Indo-China: Saigon.....	Aug. 20-Oct. 27.....	42	38	
Japan.....				Total July 10-Dec. 20: Cases, 2,715.
Aita Ken.....	Dec. 2.....	1		
Chiba Ken.....	Nov. 23-Dec. 17.....	25		
Fukushima Ken.....	Dec. 5.....	1		
Hoga Ken.....	Nov. 27-Dec. 19.....	22		
Hiroshima Ken.....	Nov. 23.....	1		
Ibaraki Ken.....	Dec. 6.....	2		
Iwate Ken.....	Dec. 16.....	1		
Kanagawa Ken.....				Total Nov. 23-Dec. 20: Cases, 53 ;
Yokohama.....	Nov. 24-Dec. 8.....	18		Sept. 25-Dec. 7: 9 cases from vessels.
Kochi Ken.....	Nov. 28-Dec. 4.....	3		
Nagasaki Ken.....	Nov. 23-Dec. 1.....	7		
Osaka Fu.....	Nov. 23-Dec. 3.....	14		
Saga Ken.....	do.....	5		
Shidzuoka Ken.....	Dec. 3-20.....	8		
Taiwan (Formosa).....				Total Nov. 3-23: Cases, 48; deaths, 42.
Tokyo Fu.....	Nov. 23-Dec. 20.....	101		
Tokyo.....				Oct. 2-Dec. 7: Cases, 273; and in vicinity, 342.
Wakamatsu Ken.....	Nov. 26.....	1		
Russia: Odessa.....				Nov. 18-20: 1 case from s. s. Bosnian from Constantinople. Confined in the quarantine barracks.
Siam:				
Bangkok.....	Oct. 13-Dec. 7.....		4	
Straits Settlements—Singapore.	Nov. 17-23.....	2	2	
Turkey in Asia.....				Total, Nov. 17-23: Cases, 160; deaths, 218.
Adana—Adana.....	Nov. 17-23.....	2	1	
Aleppo—Alexandretta.....	do.....	2	1	
Angora.....	do.....	24	24	
Brusa.....	do.....	6	16	
Castomoni.....	do.....	2		
Diarbekir.....	do.....	8	2	
Hedjaz—				
Jedda.....	Nov. 25-Dec. 14.....	395	393	Among returning pilgrims.
Mekka.....	Nov. 17-23.....	111	172	
Ismidt.....	do.....	3	1	
Mosul.....	do.....		1	
Smyrna.....	do.....	2		
Turkey in Europe:				
Constantinople.....	Dec. 3-30.....	1,425	688	Total, Nov. 5-Dec. 30: Cases, 2,342; deaths, 1,146.
Zanzibar.....	Nov. 8-Dec. 7.....	113	112	From Mwera, Chwaka, and Moko-toni. Chwaka district, Oct. 4-Dec. 7, 275 cases not included in previous reports.
At sea.....				Nov. 18-20, 1 fatal case on s. s. Bosnian, en route from Constantinople to Odessa.

CHOLERA, YELLOW FEVER, PLAGUE, AND SMALLPOX—Continued.**Reports Received from Dec. 27, 1912, to Jan. 24, 1913—Continued.****YELLOW FEVER.**

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
Ecuador:				
Bucay	Nov. 15-30	1	1	
Duran	Nov. 1-30	2	1	
Guayaquil	do.	12	6	
Milagro	do.	2	2	
Naranjito	do.	1		
Senegal:				
Dakar	Dec. 7			Present.
Venezuela:				
Caracas	Nov. 1-30	7	1	In September 2 deaths and in October 1 death not previously reported. In December no case and no death.

PLAGUE.

Brazil:				
Pernambuco	Nov. 16-30		2	
Rio de Janeiro	Nov. 3-30	7	3	
British East Africa:				
Kiambu	Nov. 16-Oct. 21	2		
Kisumu	do.	6		
Mombasa	Oct. 1-31	12	12	Free Nov. 18.
Nairobi	Nov. 16-Dec. 8	2	1	
Chile: Taital	Oct. 22-28	3		
China:				
Amoy	Jan. 16			Present.
Manchuria	Dec. 14			Present along the railway, between Harbin and Chang-Chun.
Shanghai	Nov. 18-Dec. 15		2	Dec. 18, present in vicinity of the French settlement.
Dutch East Indies:				
Java—				
Kediri	Oct. 6-26	75	73	
Madisoen	do.	16	16	
Paseroean Residency	do.	132	129	
Surabaya	do.	3	3	
Ecuador:				
Duran	Nov. 1-30	3	1	
Guayaquil	do.	138	52	
Egypt:				Total Nov. 23-Dec. 25: Cases, 22; deaths, 7. Jan. 1-Dec. 25: Cases, 875; deaths, 433.
Behera	Nov. 22-Dec. 19	2	1	
Charkieh	Nov. 29-Dec. 12	3	2	
Garbieh	Nov. 23-Dec. 17	3		
Girgeh	Dec. 21-25	1	1	
Menouf	Oct. 1-Dec. 21	7		
Minieh	Nov. 28-Dec. 26	6	3	
India:				
Bombay	Nov. 17-Dec. 14	22	20	
Calcutta	Nov. 9-Dec. 7		21	
Karachi	Nov. 19-23	2	2	
Rangoon	Oct. 1-Nov. 30	68	68	
Provinces				Total Oct. 27-Nov. 30: Cases, 12,333; deaths, 9,908.
Delhi	Oct. 27-Nov. 30	31	14	
Bombay	do.	4,475	3,356	
Madras	do.	733	520	
Bengal	do.	30	30	
Bihar and Orissa	do.	473	367	
United Provinces	do.	2,270	1,857	
Punjab	do.	495	371	
Burma	do.	34	34	
Central Provinces	do.	242	193	
Mysore	do.	975	701	
Hyderabad	do.	613	523	
Central India	do.	57	47	
Rajputana	do.	1,905	1,895	
Indo-China: Saigon	Aug. 20-Oct. 27	55	35	
Mauritius	Oct. 11-24	44	25	
Morocco: Rabat	Nov. 1	3		Among the military.
New Caledonia: Numea	Oct. 29	2		Sept. 17-Oct. 17, 8 cases, with 5 deaths.

CHOLERA, YELLOW FEVER, PLAGUE, AND SMALLPOX—Continued.**Reports Received from Dec. 27, 1912, to Jan. 24, 1913—Continued.****PLAGUE—Continued.**

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
Peru:				
Departments—				
Arequipa—				
Mollendo.....	Nov. 17-Dec. 7....	7	4	
Callao—				
Callao.....	Sept. 1-7.....			Present.
Lambayeque.....	do.....			Do.
Philippine Islands:				
Manila.....	Nov. 10-16.....	5	4	
Russia:				
Trans-Caspian Ty. Merv...	Dec. 9-21.....	29	29	Pneumonic.

SMALLPOX.

Abyssinia: Adis Ababa.....	Nov. 24-30.....			Present.
Algeria:				
Departments—				
Algeirs.....	Oct. 1-31.....	11		
Constantine.....	do.....	11		
Oran.....	do.....	118		
Austria-Hungary:				
Galicia.....	Nov. 10-Dec. 7....	3		
Trieste.....	Dec. 8-21.....	4		
Brazil:				
Para.....	do.....	2		
Pernambuco.....	Nov. 1-30.....		65	
Rio de Janeiro.....	Nov. 3-Dec. 7....	11	2	
British East Africa: Mombasa..	Dec. 1-21.....	5		
Canada:				
Ontario—				
Ottawa.....	Jan. 4.....	1		
Toronto.....	Dec. 1-21.....	5		
Quebec—				
Montreal.....	Dec. 15-Jan. 11...	15		
Quebec.....	do.....	5		
Chile: Punta Arenas.....	Oct. 31.....	2		Imported, and 1 case in vicinity.
China:				
Amoy.....	Jan. 16.....			Present.
Chungking.....	Nov. 3-16.....			Do.
Hongkong.....	Nov. 24-Dec. 14...	4	2	
Nanking.....	Dec. 7.....			Do.
Shanghai.....	Nov. 18-Dec. 15...	13	43	Deaths among natives.
Tientsin.....	Nov. 17-Dec. 14...		2	
Dutch East Indies:				
Java—				
Batavia.....	Nov. 9-Dec. 7....	14	1	
Egypt:				
Alexandria.....	Dec. 9-16.....	1		
Cairo.....	Nov. 12-Dec. 9....	2	1	
Port Said.....	Dec. 3-9.....	1		
France:				
Marseille.....	Nov. 1-30.....		1	
Paris.....	Dec. 1-21.....	3		
Germany.....				Total: Nov. 24-30, 5 cases not included in report, page 2231, vol. xxvii; Dec. 1-14, 8 cases.
Gibraltar.....	Dec. 9-15.....	1		
Great Britain: Liverpool.....	Jan. 1-4.....	1		
India:				
Bombay.....	Nov. 17-Dec. 14...	9	3	
Calcutta.....	Dec. 1-7.....	1		
Karachi.....	do.....	1		
Madras.....	Dec. 1-14.....	4	2	
Rangoon.....	Oct. 1-Nov. 30....	11	3	
Indo-China: Saigon.....	Aug. 20-Oct. 20....	2	2	
Italy: Palermo.....	Dec. 15-21.....	2		
Japan.....				Total Jan. 1-Oct. 31: Cases 13, with 1 death.
Mexico:				
Aguascalientes.....	Dec. 9-Jan. 12....		4	
Chihuahua.....	Dec. 9-Jan. 5....		2	
Durango.....	Dec. 1-31.....		15	
Mazatlan.....	Jan. 1-7.....	2		
Mexico.....	Nov. 17-Dec. 7....	26	12	
Salina Cruz.....	Nov. 17-23.....	1		
San Luis Potosi.....	Sept. 15-21.....	1		

CHOLERA, YELLOW FEVER, PLAGUE, AND SMALLPOX—Continued.**Reports Received from Dec. 27, 1912, to Jan. 24, 1913—Continued.****SMALLPOX—Continued.**

Places.	Date.	Cases	Deaths.	Remarks.
Netherlands: Rotterdam.....	Dec. 22-28.....	.....	1	
Peru:				
Callao.....	Sept. 1-14.....	.....		Present.
Lima.....	do.....	.....		Do.
Mollendo.....	Nov. 24-Dec. 7.....	5	1	
Salaverry.....	Dec. 4-11.....	1		
Portugal: Lisbon.....	Dec. 1-21.....	15		
Roumania.....				Total Oct. 1-31: Cases 6.
Russia:				
Odessa.....	Nov. 17-Dec. 14...	3		
St. Petersburg.....	Nov. 24-Dec. 21...	86	5	
Warsaw.....	Sept. 22-Oct. 5.....	5		
Siam: Bangkok.....	Nov. 10-Dec. 7.....		3	
Siberia: Vladivostok.....	Oct. 28-Nov. 28...	3	2	
Spain:				
Barcelona.....	Dec. 1-28.....		64	
Cadiz.....	Nov. 1-30.....		4	
Madrid.....	do.....		9	
Valencia.....	Nov. 14-Dec. 21...	15		
Straits Settlements: Singapore..	Nov. 24-30.....	1	1	
Switzerland: Basel.....	Nov. 14-Dec. 21...	8		
Turkey in Asia: Beirut.....	Dec. 8-14.....	1	2	
Turkey in Europe: Constantinople.	Dec. 1-28.....		43	
Zanzibar.....	Nov. 8-14.....		1	